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Candler Says That Church Should Keep Free From Politics

The Rev. Warren A. Candler, Atlanta, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has issued a statement entitled "No Dissent From the Position of My Church," in which he declares he will take no part as a churchman in politics. The statement from Bishop Candler, brought forth by the present national political campaign, is regarded as exceptionally timely. The statement was mailed with the request that it be published. It reads in full as follows:

In view of the many letters inquiring concerning my position on pending matters political, and asking advice upon the same, the following statement is made:

Stand By His Church

I see no reason to dissent from the position of my church on the subject of personal and party politics as that position has been proclaimed authoritatively by its leaders from the beginning of its history as a Christian body.

On the 17th day of August, 1865—before the clouds of war had been dispersed and while the most irritating conditions were prevailing in our country—Bishop James O. Andrew, Robert Paine and George F. Pierce met at Columbus, Georgia, and issued a pastoral address to the ministers and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, giving timely counsels and admonitions concerning the course to be pursued in the midst of the trying situation which confronted them. Bishops Joshua Soule and Hubbard H. Kavanaugh were prevented from attending the meeting by the disordered state of railway transportation, but they approved the address issued by the other bishops when it was sent to them.

With reference to political matters the address contained the following exhortation to the preachers:

"Know your high calling. Preach Christ and Him crucified. Do not preach politics. You have no commission to preach politics. The divinity of the church is never more strikingly displayed than when it holds on its ever straightforward way in the midst of worldly commotions."

Quotes Episcopal Address

In the spring of 1866 the general conference met in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the bishops said in the episcopal address to that notable body of able and devout men:

"We do not attempt in this brief address to enter into a detailed account of the general state of the work. We thank God that we have so safely passed through a most painful and fiery ordeal; that the church has preserved under His blessing, her integrity; that she has in no wise become complicated with political affairs; but keeping in view her own high mission, has been satisfied to perform her lecithimate duties."

In that expression of the non-political mission and work of the church all the bishops heartily united, and the general conference approved it.

The general conference elected to the office of bishop Dr. William M Wightman, Dr. David S. Doggett, Dr. Enoch M. Marvin and Dr. Holland N. McTyeire, all of whom went forth to their new fields of labor in perfect agreement with the sentiments of their older colleagues and the general conference concerning the subject of the church and politics.

Some years later that most saintly man, eloquent preacher, and wise bishop, Bishop Enoch M. Marvin, published a very strong article in which he discussed the duty and destiny of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the closing paragraphs of which he said:

"We must stand in our lot. The future must be left to the men of the future and to God. Those who shall have the affairs of the church in charge fifty years hence will be as wise as we. Let us pray that they may be much more wise. Fifty years hence God will be listening to the prayers of His people. Fifty years hence—we cannot doubt it—there will be a Methodist Church in the land in close amid the factions of the hour, pure amid its temptations, her candlestick still in his place, her light burning with the pure flame of inspiration, and faith, her eye lifted, her hands clean from bribes, her robes of linen clean and white, the righteousness of saints washed in the blood of the Lamb revered by all who love the Lord Jesus, and hated only by His enemies; her children dwelling in peace in the south, and in the north, in the west and in the east, with Republican and Democrat, radical and conservative, alike calling her blessed. She will excite the suspicion and hatred of none by allying herself with an adverse party upon issues that arouse the passions of the hour but lie outside of her proper sphere. She will move with a grand but quiet energy amid the affairs of men, the representative of Christ to all, the political ally or enemy of none. She will stand for Christ, recognized by all, upon a plane far above the level of those contests which come and go with the energy and swiftness of a tornado. She will abjure both the riches and power which might reward a lewd and bewitching coquetry with some successful party in the state. She will be known, and loved, and hated as the chaste spouse of Christ. Her character will give full force and meaning to the Word of God committed to her.

"This is the destiny of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a destiny that she cannot alienate. She must stand in her lot to the end of the days."

Another Quotation

At the general conference, held in Memphis, Tennessee, May 3-21, 1894, the bishops said in their address to the body:

"It is not amiss to repeat what has often been declared—that our church is strictly a religious and in no wise a political body. Our sole business is to preach and serve the kingdom of God. There are many questions, economical, social, and in part ethical, of burning interest in this day, which our pulpit and churches maybe tempted to substitute for the simple gospel. Men claiming to be advanced thinkers and wide-awake philanthropists may sneer at us as unpractical dreamers, and devotees of shadows and abstractions, because we give ourselves wholly to things spiritual and eternal. But Christ is the Rock, and only those who build on Him build safely. The more closely we keep ourselves to the one work of testifying to all men repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, the better shall we promote the highest good of our country and race. As a church we are not related by affiliation or antagonism to any political party. As a citizen every man should carry his judgment and conscience into politics and all other spheres of life."

From this established and scriptural position of my church I feel no disposition to dissent or depart. It is in nareement with the words of our Lord when He witnessed His good confession before Pontius Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world," (John 18:35.)

Offering no criticism of others, I propose to abide unfalteringly by this principle, discharging conscientiously my duties as a citizen and fulfilling with fidelity my commission as a minister of Jesus Christ. On that I stand. I can not do otherwise. May my Lord help me to serve my generation by the will of God; finish my course with joy and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of the grace of God, "fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life."

WARREN A. CANDLER.

Atlanta, July 11, 1928.

ANCIENT WAGON USED BY LOGGERS IS FOUND

California Relic Was Built About 1866.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Made in the wilds of the Sierra Nevada mountains about 1866, long subjected to unspeakably hard service and finally abandoned 55 years ago, a remarkable logging wagon has been rediscovered in the identical place where it stood all that time—a unique monument and a silent tribute to the sterling qualities of the wheeled carriers evolved by the men who tackled southern California in the rough and began the polishing process.

This example of sound early-day workmanship is in the Mount Whitney region, and will be a valuable museum exhibit for all the generations to come if it can be taken out without too much delay; but that's a problem. But one old-timer had first-hand knowledge of its romantic history and he died a few months ago in Independence at the age of ninety-one. No living human being links it with the present.

To note the contrast between this ponderous vehicle of a remote period and the marvelous modern motor truck does not detract in the least from the worth of the former, yet illustrates most graphically the world's mechanical advance.

Built in Forest.

The cumbersome implement was built in a pine forest at an elevation of 9,800 feet to convey the bales of huge trees to a large sawmill and was operated solely over its own steep roads, constructed at enormous cost of money and labor within an area of about ten square miles. It was drawn by three to six or even eight yokes of oxen. The bleached skull of one of these animals still lies beside it, a grim relic of pioneer days and fearful toil.

From the mill the sawn timbers were shot down Cottonwood Creek canyon through a five-mile flume, transported by boat fifteen miles across Owens lake, then dragged up the high steep slope of the White mountains and employed in the then rich Cerro Gordo mine which produced many millions in silver, zinc and lead. Now the lake is virtually dry, the Owens river waters that formed it flow through the Los Angeles aqueduct and the mine is little worked.

When the mill was shut down, gradually to succumb to the harsh elements of that altitude, the wagon was forgotten, but remained intact, only the wheels partially crumbling. Now it has been found again by department of water and power engineers of Los Angeles, which has purchased an extensive site there for hydro-electric purposes. Thus the municipality acquired the quaint rig also, and it is hoped that steps will be taken to preserve it as a prize specimen, the only one of its kind.

Forty-Four Feet Long.

Its 18-foot iron-bound tongue included, the wagon is 44 feet long and weighs considerably more than a ton. The materials are hard white pine, noted for enduring qualities, and hand-forged steel—the latter wrought by blacksmiths on the spot, where were heaps of surprising size.

The wheels are sections of logs 32 inches in diameter, 8 inches wide on the running surface and 15 inches thick at the hubs, beautifully hewn and finished. There are two tiers three inches wide and three-fourths inch thick to each wheel. In front of the rear wheels are huge brake blocks lined with planking transversely bricke that operates entirely independent of the foot brake system—

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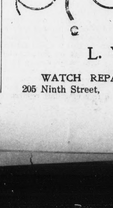

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A H CLEMENT, Editor.

THURSDAY, AUG. 9, 1928.

As a convincing argument in favor of forest-fire protection, the following figures are of interest. In one section of a county in North Carolina, where no forest-fire protection has been given, the tax rate is $1.38 and the forest land is worth $15 an acre; while in another section, where forest-fire protection has obtained for the past 25 years, the tax rate is only $1.02 and the forest land is worth $50 an acre.

S. P. Coleman

This highly esteemed citizen of Appomattox passed away at Staunton Hospital Saturday. Deceased served this county as sheriff for 16 years and was a popular and prominent citizen. He was born July 26, 1847 in this county and never lived at any other place.

His remains were interred at the family grave yard at his late home Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd of friends and relatives.

Deceased is survived by the following children: Mrs. J. S. Flunkett, Mrs. T. W. Odor, H. S. and J. T. Coleman, Mrs. C. T. Cawthorn, W. P. and Miss Emma Sue Coleman, all of Appomattox County.

Rev. W. M. Thompson conducted the service and Senator Ferguson spoke of the service and record of deceased at the grave. He was a confederate soldier.

Bettie E. Phelps

Mrs. Bettie E. Phelps died at her home near Glenfall, August 3rd, 1928. She was 77 years 7 months and 9 days old, being born on Dec. 25, 1850. She had been in declining health for a long time and on Friday was taken worse, but no one dreamed of her being so ill. But God saw fit to call her home at 8 o'clock Friday p. m.

She was a member of Liberty Chapel Baptist church from early childhood, also one of our oldest W. M. U. ladies of this church. She was a good devoted christian woman who loved her Lord and was always interested in her Master's cause. She will be sadly missed by her children and friends who did all that loving hands could do to stay the hand of affliction.

She was a devoted mother, a kind neighbor and sincere friend. Her body rests beside her late husband, Richard Phelps, who preceded her to the grave in September 1922 and a daughter Mrs. G. D. Coleman, who died July 22, 1927.

Rev. Burnette conducted the funeral. Her favorite hymns were tenderly led by J. K. Megginson. Her body was borne to the grave by her grandsons, W. L. Coleman, Norton, Binford, Clayton, Charley Phelps and Royal Wells. Other pall-bearers were Messrs. A. W. Martin, David Harvey, Robert Kyle, Leslie Martin, Dock Marks, John Martin, J. C. Horsley and E. P. Taylor.

Flower girls—Mary Coleman, Corine Cattlett and Flossie Christian, Dorothy Newell, Elizabeth and Eva Phelps, Elizabeth Gardner and Bernice Harvey.

Mrs. Phelps leaves the following children: Mrs. H. L. Luckhardt of Richmond, L. C. Phelps Newport News, Mesdames. W. A. Wells and T. J. Gardner and Messrs. J. N., T. R., E. N. and W. R. Phelps and a sister, Mrs. M. S. Harvey, all of Appomattox county, a brother, J. H. Wooldridge, of Buckingham county, thirty-six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Just a few weeks ago all of her children were to see her and little did they think it was the last time they would meet dear mother here on earth, but may each one so live as to be a reunited band on the other shore and there to glorify God and sing His praises evermore. X.

Card of Thanks

We thank our friends for their kindness during the illness of our mother, Mrs. Bettie Phelps, and for the lovely flowers.

CHILDREN.

John Luther McKinney

John Luther McKinney, age 69, for 48 years a resident of Lynchburg died Friday at his home after a long illness. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church, and was born in Appomattox county in September, 1858. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. w. McKinney, of Appomattox county. He was burried in the family cemetery on the old McKinney plantation.

He was survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. C. A. Poore and J. W. McKinney, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Kate Wright and Miss Fannie McKinney, of Roanoke, and Winston McKinney, of Appomattox.

Mary Hughes

This estimable old colored woman died at her home here Friday in the 52nd year of her age. She is survived by two sons.

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It would not be necessary to impose another communication upon your numerous readers, had I not been so fortunate as to attend the dedication of Maple Grove church which event took place on the 5th Sunday in July. It was a day fraught with many precious memories, some pleasing, some sad for many who were present at the first dedication have passed away, yet many were left and were filled with gratitude; and another reason, when they consider their old church, and the new one all paid for and ready to be again dedicated to God's service. The 5th Sunday in July was set apart for this service and those present were: Revs. Burnette, Gordon, Thomas Goad and Mr. Gray Ligon, the pastor, and an immense crowd from far and near. Rev. Goad preached the dedicatory sermon in a most interesting manner and was followed in the p. m. by Mr. Thomas whose sermon was greatly enjoyed. The singing was conducted by Mr. White from Lynchburg, a singer of note and a Methodist, which naturally forces one to conclude that Maple Grove is not a selfish church, and is willing to divide honors with other denominations. The dinner which was served at 1 o'clock, was all one could desire both in quality and quantity.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Grey Ligon, the popular pastor, conducted a meeting the rest of the week, and the sermons preached by Mr. Thomas were forcible and soul stiring and enjoyed by large audiences every evening. A purse of $60 was raised for Mr. Thomas, which proves that Maple Grove Church is liberal in her finances also. — VIRITAS.

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